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The Minutes of the Arlington Cemetery Commission
August 06, 2014

Present: Chair Michele Hassler, Commissioner Gloria Turkall, Cemetery Supervisor Jason Jones

Time began: 9:00 a.m.

1. All deeds were signed
2. Minutes from the July meeting were approved
3. The marking out of the HH field: Not done by engineering yet, but hopefully will be done soon. Jason will stay on this
4. All flags were picked up
5. All flowers that could be picked up presently have been
6. 3 new graves were sold, 5 cremains were interred and 12 earth burials were done this past month
7. Water spigots have not been done yet. Situation to be addressed/replaced soon
8. Water barrels not getting filled as often as was expected. Some people have complained. Jason has called Mike Tassinari re: this issue- not sure if Mike Rademacher aware
9. Check to see if a copy of the chapel assessment has been sent over by Mike R. – will make sure available for next meeting
10. Check to see if progress has occurred on establishing a purchase order to enable Kevin Duffy to start work

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11. Regarding the columbarium: issues that were discussed in preparation for the building of this structure- All items were voted on and agreed to by a 2-0 vote:
 - *Face plates will not be engraved until they are occupied with first inurnment
 - *Once the structure is being built the pre-sale will begin. Sales will be limited to 2 niches per person which = 4 inurnments. The entire structure will be made available. There will be no time limit. This is the only part of Mount Pleasant Cemetery that will be available to be bought pre-need
 - *There is no deal in price for buying 2 niches-& they do not need to be next to each other
 - *OT/holiday/weekend charges will stay the same as they do for the rest of the work in the cemetery
 - *Any buyback would be under the same policy as we have now
 - *One engraver will be used at a separate charge from the buying of the niche
12. To think about: How to organize the numbering system needed for the niches and the extensions
13. Gloria is going to look at the current deed and try to re-work it to be niche appropriate
14. Summer help ends at the end of September
15. The new landscaper is doing well per Jason and getting into a routine
16. The cemetery staff will continue with the flat marker lifting
17. Jason will look for an appropriate place to put ex-Commissioner Bernie Smith's memorial bench
18. Michele will email Mike R., Dominic Lanzillotti and Blair Hines re: the progress of the columbarium RFP and the next steps.

Time ended: 10:00 a.m.

Next meeting September 10, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Michele Hassler

Board of Cemetery Commissioners
Michele A. Hassler, Chairperson
William F. McCarthy
Gloria A. Turkall